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**MEMORANDUM FOR: All Divisions, Staffs and Branches**

**SUBJECT : IDEALIST Operations**

1. In an effort to portray the various possible combinations of aircraft deployment with associated personnel, equipment and costs within the IDEALIST Program, you are requested to complete the attached form regarding your respective areas of interest for each of the combinations.

2. Costs should be confined to Fiscal Year 1963. Please asterisk or note any personnel, equipment or cost increases not included in FY-63 approved operational program or available from current assets.

3. You are requested to add pertinent information or remarks and to coordinate overlapping areas of interest with the appropriate office. Completed forms should be returned soonest to Chief/Programs Staff.

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**Attachment to IDEA 0977-63**

**1. Combinations**

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A. Seven Aircraft - one permanent detachment [redacted] with two aircraft; one detachment (Edwards) with a dual operational staging capability utilizing four aircraft; remaining aircraft for testing and rotational maintenance at LAC.

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B. Seven Aircraft - one permanent detachment [redacted] with two aircraft; one detachment (Edwards) with a single operational staging capability utilizing two aircraft; one back-up staging capability utilizing one aircraft; remaining two aircraft for testing and rotational maintenance at LAC.

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C. Nine Aircraft - two permanent detachments [redacted] [redacted] with four aircraft; one detachment (Edwards) with a single operational staging capability utilizing two aircraft; remaining three aircraft for testing, rotational maintenance and back-up operational aircraft at LAC.

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D. Nine Aircraft - one permanent detachment [redacted] with two aircraft; one detachment (Edwards) with a dual operational staging capability utilizing four aircraft; remaining three aircraft for testing, rotational maintenance and back-up operational aircraft at LAC.

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F. Nine Aircraft - one permanent detachment [redacted] utilizing two aircraft; one detachment (Edwards) with a dual operational staging capability utilizing four aircraft; remaining three aircraft for testing, rotational maintenance and back-up operational aircraft at LAC.

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2. Following is keyed across to combinations listed paragraph one above.

A. Personnel/ Table of Organization

Permanent Det.						Staging Det.					
A	B	C	D	E	F	A	B	C	D	E	F

Office of Cmdr.

Operations

Medical

Materiel

Commo

Support

Guards

Pilots

LAC Crews

Hycon Reps

P & Elmer Reps

Auto Pilot

Firewel

Indigenous

Cost

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**B. Communications**

A B C D E F

Teletype Equipment

Air Conditioners

Generators

Cables, tools, etc.

SSB

Spares

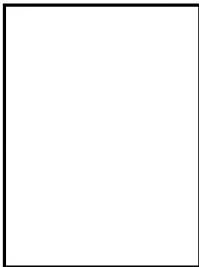
Other

Cost

**C. Special Equipment**

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A B C D E F



Camera

Tracker

Other

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**D. Materiel**

**A B C D E F**

**Primary Aircraft Mod.**

**Engines**

**Supplies & Equipment**

**Maintenance**

**Transportation**

**Ground Handling Equip.**

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**Base Services**

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**E. Nine Aircraft - two permanent detachments** [redacted] **25X1C**  
[redacted] utilizing four aircraft; one detachment (Edwards) with a dual operational staging capability utilizing four aircraft; remaining single aircraft for rotational maintenance at LAC; no testing capability.

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